

Vermont
(Dollars in Thousands)

Vermont	2012 Total*	5% Sequester	Revised Total
Estimate of Total Interior Funding	12,870	-639	12,231

* The 2012 Total does not include project specific funding for land acquisition, construction, and Bureau of Reclamation projects or competitive grant allocations.

Interior funding in Vermont totaled about \$12.9 million in 2012. A five percent sequester of Interior funding at this level would mean a loss of about \$639 thousand. This estimate will be updated once the sequestration order is issued and allocations are finalized. There could be further reductions in competitive grants, land acquisition and construction projects, and wildland fire expenditures that are not included in this estimate.

- The Department of Interior has nearly 70 employees in Vermont. Vermont is home to one national historical park and shares a national scenic trail with adjoining States. In addition, Vermont hosts five national wildlife refuges.
- Together these assets attracted over 132,000 visitors, created 68 jobs, and generated \$4.8 million for local economies in 2011.
- Under the sequester, Interior operations in Vermont stand to lose an estimated:
 - \$447 thousand from Fish and Wildlife Service sites like *Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge*.
 - \$131 thousand from National Park Service sites like *Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park*.

Within this total, major grants and direct payments to Vermont would drop by about \$480 thousand.

Interior Grants and Payments	Estimate Total	Sequester	Revised Total
Historic Preservation Fund	574	-29	545
LWCF State Grants w/GOMESA	369	-18	351
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	970	-49	921
Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration	7,045	-359	6,686
State and Wildlife Grants	479	-24	455
Total, Vermont	9,437	-479	8,958

Note: The sequester is an across-the-board reduction that reduces every account and activity (with few exemptions). The result will be reduced levels of direct services provided to the American public. Cut backs in visitor hours and programs will impact tourism and travel and have ripple effects on communities and economies that are reliant on these activities. Reductions in permanent and seasonal

staffing and reductions in contracts will impact surrounding communities where employees live and where supplies and services are acquired. Reductions in grants and payments will impact the abilities of States, Tribes and counties to sustain ongoing services in emergency response, education, and others. As these impacts are defined, we will provide details.